

Black Planners, National Council of Negro Women, and the Bay Area Black United Fund, as well as a Profile in Excellence Award from KGO TV, a Leadership Award from Black Business Listings, and an Outstanding Citizen Resolution from the City of Oakland.

Mr. Glover was also an active member of myriad organizations, serving on the boards of the Oakland Advisors, the Stewardship Council, the Oakland Partnership, the Berkeley Law Foundation, Operation Hope, and as a founding board member of the groundbreaking, Greenlining Institute. He produced public affairs programs and content for radio and television, and was an award-winning mentor and coach for various youth programs supporting sports leadership development.

On a personal note, when I met David many years ago, I immediately recognized the depth of his intellect and his indomitable spirit. I was deeply humbled when he endorsed me early in my California Legislature campaign. It was an endorsement that I knew commanded the respect and trust of voters. For that, I will be forever grateful.

Today, California's 13th Congressional District salutes and honors a great friend of the Bay Area and a true champion for equity, Mr. David Glover. His steadfast commitment to ensuring that all Oakland residents have access to a better quality of life will forever live on with the legacy of his vision. I offer my sincerest condolences to his many loved ones and to all of those whose lives he touched over the years. He will be deeply missed.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. PETERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, May 17, I was unable to be present to cast my vote on four matters before the House.

Had I been present for rollcall No. 157, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 158, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 159, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall No. 160, I would have voted "no."

RECOGNIZING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA AND NOIRMOUTIER

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the enduring spirit and gratitude of the people of the United States and France as exemplified through the mutual friendship of the sister cities of Crestview, Florida, and the French island city of Noirmoutier-en-l'Île.

The island of Noirmoutier, located off the west coast of France near Nantes and Saint-Nazaire, maintains an inextricable link with our Nation's military history. On July 4, 1943, while America was celebrating the date of its independence, an American B-17 crash-landed right on the beach of the small Noirmoutier village of la Guérinière. This Flying Fortress was returning to England after a bombing run on the Nazi-held airfield outside Saint-Nazaire during World War II. Though the crew survived, the Nazi occupation forces on Noirmoutier got to the Americans before the island's underground partisans could rescue them, and the crew was imprisoned for the duration of the war.

To this day, the people of Noirmoutier refuse to clear the wreckage of the B-17. Even for the island's youngest generation, it acts as a vivid reminder of the sacrifices made by France's American allies toward the cause of liberating France, and Europe, from the scourge of Nazi occupation, deprivation, and brutality. On Commemoration Day, Sunday, June 30, 2013, a monument will be unveiled on Noirmoutier dedicated to the courageous crew of that fateful B-17 and to all Americans who worked so selflessly to obtain France's liberation from the Nazis.

On behalf of the United States Congress and the citizens of Northwest Florida, I am privileged to recognize the friendship between the people of Northwest Florida and Noirmoutier and join them in honoring the service and sacrifice of all men and women who sacrifice their lives in the name of freedom.

PROPOSED CUTS TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak against the appalling proposed cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP, in the 2013 Farm Bill. SNAP provides an indispensable safety net for families struggling to make ends meet.

Approximately 50.1 million Americans live in households that suffer from food insecurity. In Texas, 19 percent of people and 27 percent of children struggle against hunger. SNAP supports people when they need it most, responding to the dramatic increase in the number of unemployed Americans from 2007 to 2011 with a 70 percent increase in participation.

The Republican Farm Bill would cut \$20.5 billion from SNAP, kicking 2 million Americans off the program. As a result of these cuts, 210,000 children would also lose access to free school meals. These cuts are reckless and irresponsible. As our economy continues to recover, now is not the time to slash funding for this essential safety net program that helps people out of poverty.

I urge my colleagues to oppose cuts to SNAP. We must not balance the budget on the backs of children and the most vulnerable Americans.